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**Testimony in Opposition to Raised Bill No. 5360:
*An Act Concerning Certification of Candidates***

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The stated purpose of HB 5630 is “to establish parity between major party candidates and minor party candidates regardless of whether they are a candidate for state or municipal office.” It appears on reading the Act that HB 5630 fails to establish parity in that the Act because it does not *directly* or *specifically* address the requirement of a signature for a major party candidate in a municipal election for municipal office.

It would then appear that a *disparity* remains as only minor parties continue to be required to have a signature for each of their candidates in a municipal election for municipal office (Sec. 2 Section 9-452).